

JAX AIR NEWS

Vol. 59 • No. 20

NAS Jacksonville, Fla.

May 31, 2001

Frost relieves Boothe as VP-5 commanding officer tomorrow

By Lt.j.g. Jerome C. Johnson
VP-5 PAO

Cmdr. Paul J. Frost will relieve Cmdr. Timothy E. Boothe as Commanding Officer of Patrol Squadron (VP) 5 in the squadron's fiftieth change-of-command ceremony at 10 a.m. tomorrow. Retired Navy Rear Adm. Anthony R. Maness, former Commander, Anti-Submarine Warfare Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, is the guest speaker.

Raised on Long Island, N.Y., Frost graduated from the University of Southern California and received his commission through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corp (NROTC) scholarship program in May 1983. Commencing flight training in October 1983, he was designated a Naval Flight Officer in September 1984.

Upon completion of P-3 Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS) training with VP-30, Commander Frost joined the VP-24 "Batmen" where he completed

deployments to Bermuda (2) and Sigonella, Sicily. His ground assignments included Electric Branch Officer, NAVCOMM and NFO NATOPS Officer, NFO Training Officer and Tactics/CNO Special Projects Officer. In January 1989, he reported to VP-30 "Pro's Nest" for instructor duty, where he also served as Communications Officer/CMS Custodian, CPWL NFO Fleet IUT Coordinator, and CNAL NAVCOMM and NFO NATOPS Evaluator.

After completing Communications school in Newport, R.I. in April 1992, Frost reported onboard USS Constellation (CV 64) as the Communications Officer and subsequently qualified as Repair Party Officer. Upon completion of refresher training at VP-30 in November 1994, Frost reported to the VP-47 "Golden Swordsmen" and served as Safety/NATOPS Officer, Training Officer, Operations Officer and Officer in Charge Det Kadena. During this tour, he completed a quad-

site deployment to B.I.O.T. Diego Garcia; Masirah, Oman; Jeddah, Saudi Arabia; Kadena, Okinawa and a split-site deployment to Misawa, Japan and Kadena, Okinawa.

In October 1996 Frost reported to Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Force Atlantic serving as the Assistant Training /Plans Officer until May 1999 when he reported for assignment as the executive officer of the "Pro's Nest." Frost became executive officer of the "Mad Foxes" in June 2000.

A native of Georgia, Cmdr. Tim Boothe graduated from the University of Georgia in 1982 and received his commission through Aviation Officer Candidate School, Pensacola, Fla., later that year. A graduate of the Uni-



Cmdr. Timothy E. Boothe



Cmdr. Paul J. Frost

versity of Georgia, Boothe received his commission in 1982 through Aviation Officer Candidate School.

He received his "Wings of Gold" in 1983. Boothe joined VP-40, NAS Moffett Field, Calif., in 1983 where he was a Patrol Plane Commander, Instructor Pilot and Mission Commander.

See VP-5, page 13

Have you seen MWR's RTV yet?

Navy MWR now brings you tickets via the new mobile ITT office called the "RTV." The Recreation Ticket Vehicle makes rounds aboard NavSta Mayport, SuBase Kingsbay, and NAS Jacksonville. This is one of four RTV's operating throughout the Navy. The Jacksonville's RTV is the first one Disney World has partnered with. Disney World sponsored the "wrapping," or exterior design of the RTV, and did it "Mickey-style" so people would be able to see it from a mile away. Germany Dawson, the driver of the new RTV and ticket expert, can get you on your way to recreational fun. To find out more

about the RTV, call 542-3318. The RTV schedule at NAS Jacksonville is every Wednesday:

Naval Hospital: 9-10 a.m.
VP-30: 10-11 a.m.
Base Galley: 11-12:30 p.m.
Hangar 1000: 1-2:30 p.m.
NADEP: 2:30-4 p.m.



The manatees are back!

By Bob Nelson

Commander Navy Region Southeast
Environmental Public Affairs Officer

Last Thursday morning more than a dozen manatees appeared in the NAS Jax Marina area. Each year, NAS Jacksonville's St. Johns River waterfront, offers shelter and a feeding area for these docile, migratory creatures. This gathering is an unusually large group compared to years past. The manatees varied in size, with the largest measuring more than 8 feet. Most of the group had visible scars, indicating we must do everything we can to protect these wonderful, slow moving, endangered animals. Boaters in the Mulberry Cove area should be aware of the manatee posted areas and must adhere to the posted slow boat zones. To learn more on these and other endangered animals or find out how you can help protect these species, visit floridaconservation.org.

Inside

Region, Union
sign agreement
Page 3

CVW-3 squadrons
return to NAS Jax
Pages 16 & 17

Jax Air News online: www.nasjax.navy.mil

Meet a Sailor...MS3 Shawn D. Ollison Jr.



Job Title: Assigned to HS-7.

Hometown: New Bevn, N.C.

Past Duty Station: NavHosp Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Family Life: Wife, Angela and children, Shawn, Gabriel, Demarcus.

Career Plans: To re-enlist in two years.

Most Interesting Experience: My first deployment on the USS Cleveland (LPD-7).

Words of Wisdom: "A sharp tongue will cut your own throat."

Meet a Civilian... Alexander Aiken



Job Title: USS Samuel Eliott Morison (FFG-13) Reserves, Lacey Support NAS, Jax

Hometown: Shapleigh, Maine.

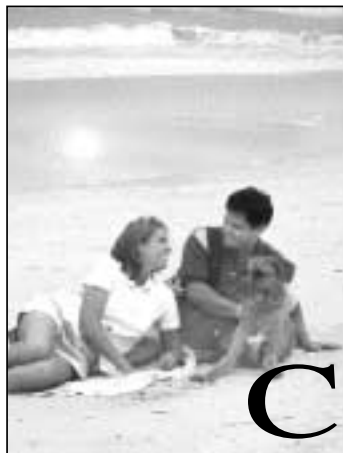
Past Duty Stations: USS Robert G Bradley (FFG-4A), Norfolk, Va.

Family Life: Wife, Deborah

Career Plans: To complete a Bachelors of Arts in Criminal Justice and to retire from the Reserves as a chief petty officer.

Most Interesting Experience: Adapting to civilian life.

Words of Wisdom: "Live life to the fullest."



It's free!

It's free! Give yourself the gift of a Navy CREDO Retreat. Personal growth retreats are offered June 21-24, Aug. 16-19, Sept. 20-23. July 27 - 29, Marriage Enrichment Retreat. June 8-10 Family Retreat. July 13-15 Teen Retreat. Sept. 14-18 Facilitators Training Retreat. For more information, or to register, call CREDO at 270-6958.

CREDO

Navy Career Decision Workshops offered by Jacksonville commands

By CMDMC Charles D. Lawson

NAS Jacksonville Command Master Chief

Jacksonville- area commands will hold a series of career decision workshops and seminars for area Sailors and their families from June 18-20, 2001.

Sailors and their spouses are invited and encouraged to attend the career decision workshops to obtain all the information they need to make informed career choices. The series will include briefing for commanding officers, executive officers, command master chiefs and command career counselors on Navy retention issues, CCD mission and core competencies as well as a review of the career counselor community and vision for the future. Detailer briefs and one-on-one detailing will also be provided based on community needs.

The workshops provided by Ruehlin Associates, present an unbiased review of the pros and cons of careers in the Navy and in the private sector. The workshops/seminars series are sponsored by the Navy Personnel Command's Center for Career Development based in Millington, Tenn.

CCD has been established to provide the fleet all the tools necessary to keep the Navy's high -quality Sailors in uniform. These tools will include:

- Enhanced professional training for Navy Career Counselors and Command Retention Teams
- Career decision seminars and work-

shops for Sailors and their families

- Comprehensive, easy-to-use web-based interactive products to aid Sailors and their families in making informed career decisions

- Consolidation and analysis of the Navy's retention and quality of service data into useful and predictive tools to assist senior leadership in making policy decisions

Establishment of the CCD is a part of the Navy's continuing efforts to improve Sailor's quality of service - that is, a balanced combination of quality of life and quality of work. To the end, one of the Center's main objectives is to foster a professional climate in which retention is a culture rather than a single event conducted when a Sailor reaches a career decision crossroads.

The Center will also direct many of its initiatives - such as career decisions seminars and web-based information technologies- toward Navy Families. The number of married Sailors has risen dramatically over the past 20 years - today almost 70 percent are married. For Sailors, career decisions are not unilateral. Families play a significant role in the career decision-making process, and the CCD will endeavor to reach them.

For more information on the Center for Career Development and its forthcoming initiatives, please contact CCD Public Affairs Office at (901) 874-2200 or visit us on the web at www.stay-navy.navy.mil.

Summer Spiritual Journey



Have you ever asked, "If God is loving, why does He allow ...?"

Join us on a journey May 15 - July 24 as we explore a 10-week study from God's Word why bad things seem to happen to good people.

Guest speakers May 15 will tell their story: Precept Kids class provided 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 Bldg. 749.

Call the Chapel at 542-3051.

JAX AIR NEWS

NAS Jacksonville Commanding OfficerCapt. Mark S. Boensel
Public Affairs OfficerCharles P. "Pat" Dooling
Deputy Public Affairs OfficerMiriam A. Lareau
EditorLoren Barnes
Asst. EditorJO2 Mike Jones
Staff WriterJO2 Eric Clay
Staff WriterJO3 Jackey Bratt
Staff WriterJeff Hilton
Design/LayoutJ. Eddie Hodges

The *Jax Air News* is an authorized publication for members of the military services and their families. Its contents do not necessarily reflect the official views of the U.S. Government, the Department of Defense, the U.S. Navy and do not imply endorsement thereof. The editorial content and any supplement is prepared, edited and provided by the public affairs office of NAS Jacksonville.

The appearance of advertising in this newspaper, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of Defense, the U.S. Navy, NAS Jacksonville or Add Inc., of the products and services advertised.

Everything advertised in the *Jax Air News* shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other nonmerit factor of the purchaser, user or patron.

Deadline for all routine copy is close of business the Friday before publication. Deadline for Fleet Market submission is noon Monday. Questions

or comments can be directed to the editor. The *Jax Air News* can be reached at (904) 542-1533 or (904) 542-3531 or by fax at (904) 542-1534 or write the *Jax Air News*, Box 2, NAS Jacksonville, Fla., 32212-5000. All news releases should be sent to this address.

The *Jax Air News* is published by Add Inc., a private firm in no way connected with the U.S. Navy under exclusive written contract with the U.S. Navy. It is published every Thursday by Add Inc., whose offices are at 1564 Kingsley Ave., Orange Park. Estimated readership over 32,000. Distribution by Publication Distribution Service, 904-PDS (737)-7320.

Advertisements are solicited by the publisher and inquiries regarding advertisements should be directed to:

Add Inc.
Vincent Grassia, Publisher
1564 Kingsley Ave. • Orange Park, FL 32073
904-264-3200 • Fax 904-269-6958

England confirmed as Secretary of the Navy

WASHINGTON (NWS) — Gordon R. England officially became the 72nd Secretary of the Navy May 24 after he took the oath of office in the Pentagon following his Senate confirmation.

Nominated by President Bush, England brings more than 30 years of experience as a leader in the defense and technology industries to his new duties as leader of the Navy/Marine Corps Team.

Prior to his nomination as secretary of the Navy, England served as executive vice president of General Dynamics since 1997.

England outlined four key areas that he would address as Navy secretary.

"My agenda is to substantially improve our combat capability, enrich the lives of our people, swiftly incorporate

technology across our total operation, and dramatically improve our business practices," England said in hearings before the Senate Armed Services Committee chaired by Sen. John Warner of Virginia, himself a former Navy secretary.

"Each of these goals is interrelated, so implementation will be systematic rather than piecemeal.



U.S. Navy photo by PHC Dolores L. Parlato
Secretary of the Navy Gordon R. England and President George W. Bush applaud graduating midshipmen at the Naval Academy.

These efforts will be difficult and challenging and the support of this committee will be essential," England continued.

In his opening remarks, England expressed his appreciation to the president and to Secretary of Defense

Donald H. Rumsfeld for the opportunity to serve the nation and its Sailors and

Marines.

He stated his full support for the effort that the president and secretary of defense have embarked upon to build a military more relevant to the threats and opportunities of the 21st Century.

England began his business career as an engineer, working on the Gemini Space Program that paved the way for the manned flight to the moon in the 1960s and '70s.

During his career, England served as president of General Dynamics aircraft division in Fort Worth and as president of General Dynamics land systems division.

In 1993, Lockheed Martin purchased the aircraft division from General Dynamics and England continued to serve as president until 1995.

Sixteen commands sign on

Collective bargaining teamwork produces new master agreement

By Jeff Hilton
Staff

In what has been called a model of collective bargaining, 16 commands, including eight from Navy Region Southeast, signed a single, three-year master agreement with the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) union on May 10.

The agreement applies to about 4,000 AFGE members and covers a host of commonly negotiated items applicable to a wide range of work environments. AFGE locals will maintain autonomy to negotiate workplace specific issues with Navy commands such as schedules for shift workers. With 600,000 members, AFGE is the largest federal employee union in the nation.

The parties held negotiations aboard NAS Jacksonville, accomplishing in nine days what often takes several months.

Richard Wolff, Manpower Director for Navy Region Southeast, said, "We did not use traditional bargaining." Wolff said Navy and AFGE participants took a collaborative "interest based bargaining" approach to reach positions that satisfied both management and labor. He referred to the agreement as an "umbrella document" which includes AFGE employees from 10 locals.

This is the third time Navy activities in the Southeast Region have participated in the process since 1995 when six commands signed the first master agreement Wolff said. The 1998 agreement added five more activities. Among the benefits Wolff cited to establishing master agreements were the consistency of standards across participating commands as well as the time saved in negotiations.

Referring to its large scope, Jon Vondette, Navy representative for Fleet Industrial Supply Center Jacksonville

said, "I don't think there is another contract out there like this."

Commissioners from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) facilitated the process. FMCS, which has brokered agreements with airlines and major league baseball in the private sector, also works with government activities on municipal, state and federal levels.

FMCS Commissioner Charlie Gaines, a facilitator in the process, said the cooperative nature of negotiations involving so many parties was important to reaching a successful agreement. "The larger the group, the more complex it is," Gaines said. The commissioner, with 30 years experience in negotiations, praised participants for finding "common ground" they could agree on, calling it, "an encouraging trend" in collective bargaining. Gaines said that by reaching agreement cooperatively, man-

agement and labor should see a carry-over that could shorten future negotiations and promote productive dialogue during the life of the agreement.

George Vitetta, a labor relations consultant with Navy Region Southeast's Human Resource Office, said, "We could not have accomplished this without FMCS."

The process was streamlined by using Technology Assisted Group Solutions (TAGS) which projected the agreement on a large screen while also linking it to laptop computers for each participant. Gaines said TAGS allows issues to be polled for consensus without injecting emotions into the process.

While technology did speed up the process, it did not completely eliminate emotional discussion. "We went out to the woodshed a few times," said Ike

See Bargaining, page 12

Master Agreement participants:

Command

Commander, Navy Region Southeast
NAS Jacksonville
FISC Jacksonville
NS Mayport
PWC NAS Jacksonville
Navy Drug Screening Lab
PWC/JAX, Charleston Zone
NavHosp Jacksonville
NAVSEA/SUPSHIP Jax
Trident Training Facility, KB
SuBase Kings Bay
NWS Charleston
Atlantic Ordnance Cmd, Det Charleston
NCBC Gulfport
NS Roosevelt Roads, PR
NAS Key West
HRD NAS Jax advisors

Navy

Richard Wolff, Director, Manpower and Organization
Paul Stewart, Fire Chief
Jon Vondette, Program Analyst
Robert Petriani, Deputy Supply Officer
Dave Kiebler, Environmental Director
Lt. Jay Gehlhausen, Executive Officer
Gus Holladay, Facility Maintenance Superintendent
Judy Rumble, Civilian Personnel Liaison
Joseph Kudashick, Deputy Repair Officer
Lt. Cmdr. Steve Morris
Terri Mason, Management Analyst
Rita Schmitt, Business
Arvin Foes, Ordnance Operations Manager
Carol Speck, Planning Admin Officer
Israel Pagan, Business Manager
Sandra Massey, Administrative Director
George Vitetta, Labor Relations Specialist
Lucy Cason, Personnel Specialist

AFGE

Michael Corns, Unit VP, Local 2010
Patricia Lee, VP, Local 696
Randy Anderson, Unit VP
Leo Dube, VP, Local 2010
Ike Kersey, Secretary, Local 2010
Herbert Cole Jr., Steward, Local 696
Robert Ray, President, Local 2298
Patricia Stovall, VP, Local 696
William McCormick, President, Local 2453
Martha Taylor, Unit VP, Local 1845
Mark McCabe, President, Local 1845
Director Chuck Covell, President, Local 2298
Bill Walls, Unit President, Local 2298
Gayle-Lynn Frings, Treasurer, Local 2053
Miguel Cordero, President, Local 531
Danny Wells, President, Local 1566

Sacrifices of valiant ‘Devastator’ crews set victory in motion at Midway

Editor’s note: In preparation for Battle of Midway commemoration events to be celebrated here June 1, Jax Air News is reprinting articles from ‘Against all Odds’, a series written last year by former staff writer Frank Geary who passed away last December.

By Frank Geary

June 4, 1942 dawned cool and clear over the Central Pacific - a perfect day for aircraft carrier warfare, foreboding forecasters might speculate. However, on this historic day, the Rising Sun of the Imperial Japanese Empire will have reached its zenith. By day’s end, the island nation’s offensive expanse across the Pacific came to an abrupt end - in the matter of a few minutes.

At 19,000-feet the pilots from the U. S. carriers Enterprise and Hornet, airborne and bound for their targets - four Japanese flattops steaming close to Midway Island - had a clockwise view of 50 miles with only a few cumulus clouds above a sun-reflective sea of emerald blue.

Enterprise would attack with 33 dive-bombers, 15 torpedo planes, 10 fighters; Hornet with 35 dive-bombers, 15 torpedo planes, and 10 fighters. Orbiting above Enterprise, Lt.Cmdr. Wade McClusky, flying with VB-6 and leading the carrier’s Air Group, waited for his torpedo planes and fighter escorts to take off. At this time he was circling above and waiting ... burning up valuable fuel. McClusky then saw the Enterprise blinker flashing a message: “proceed on mission.” As a result, he realized there would be no coordinated attack as planned. Coordinated air attacks was another art America had yet to learn - unfortunately,

in this battle, by on the job training.

On the Hornet, John Waldron’s 15 aircraft of Torpedo 8 was leaving at about the same time - 8:06. For Ensign George Gay and other “green” ensigns, it was all a brand new experience. They wondered how hard it would be taking off with that “pickle,” as they called the torpedo attached to the belly of their planes. Not only had they never done it before, they had not even before seen it done.

Here, neither Air Group knew what the other was doing, much less what the Yorktown’s planes were up to. While the two torpedo squadrons were departing at the same time, the circumstances were entirely different. The Enterprise’s Torpedo 6, although the last group off, was chasing after its dive-bombers while the Hornet’s Torpedo 8, also last to depart, was actually leading the group.

Meanwhile, Lt.Cmdr. Pat Mitchell, Hornet Attack Group commander, was leading 35 SBDs with fighter cover. With no sighting of the enemy at the anticipated position, Mitchell turned his force southeast, following that bearing toward Midway, but he drew a blank. This was because Vice Adm. Nagumo had changed his course to 70-degrees, thereby evading the dive-bombers of one U. S. carrier. Thirteen of Mitchell’s planes had to land at Midway for refueling, two splashed in the lagoon while all of his Wildcats had to ditch for lack of gas. The entire group missed the ensuing battle.

Then, Lt.Cmdr. Eugene Lindsey’s torpedo squadron six, which had also departed Enterprise at 8:06 a. m. simultaneously with Hornet’s, never had any fighter protection because his Wildcat escort, led by Lt. J. S. Gray’s Fighter Squadron Six, inadvertently accompanied Waldron’s SBD group in-

stead. Spotting the enemy carriers at 9:30 a.m., Lindsey decided to attack immediately without coordination from the dive-bombers. Again, circling Zeroes, “as thick as flies over dead fish,” swooped down on the lumbering Devastators. Ten of these 14 planes, including Lindsey’s, were shot down. The remaining four that launched torpedoes never registered a hit.

When Lindsey’s attack was snuffed out, Yorktown’s torpedo squadron, led by Lt.Cmdr. Lance Massey, and six accompanying Wildcats, launched an attack against the carrier Soryu. Massey, like Waldron and Lindsey, bore in courageously. But another slaughter ensued. Massey and six of his Devastators went down in flames. Only five planes managed to launch their torpedoes. Three of these were shot down. Again, no hits.

So it was until 10 a.m. Out of 41 torpedo planes from the three carriers, only six returned without one torpedo striking an enemy carrier. But as events were to prove, the sacrifice made by these young and courageous, inexperienced torpedo-bomber pilots had a dramatic impact in support of the American victory. Their sacrifice was to prompt Vice Adm. Nagumo to tell his chief of staff aboard Akagi, that “these young American pilots sacrifice themselves like Kamikaze.” These sacri-



Two Japanese carriers at Midway burn in this charcoal and pastel work by Navy combat artist Griffith Bailey Coale.

fices, however, had forced the enemy carriers to evade the torpedo plane attacks, thereby prohibiting Nagumo’s carriers from launching aircraft, including the 108 planes that had participated in the early morning strike against Midway Island. That first strike, while inflicting moderate damage, failed to put Midway’s runways out of commission. Therefore, a second strike had been ordered, but it was not to take place when American dive-bombers arrived to catch crews of the three carriers refueling and rearming their aircraft on the flight decks and hangar decks.

Japanese aviator describes Lt. Best's attack on carrier Akagi at Midway

By Frank Geary

(Japanese Cmdr. Mitsuo Fuchida was the senior Air Wing Commander (AWC) in the Carrier Task Force that had hoped to invade Midway Island and lure American carriers into a trap and destroy them. In his capacity of AWC, he had led the air assault on Pearl Harbor, giving his planes the motion picture based order: "Tora! Tora! Tora! He was present at the Midway battle from start to finish onboard the aircraft carrier Akagi, flagship of Vice Adm. Chuichi Nagumo Force and carrier group commander. Fuchida was to have led the first attack on Midway, but shortly before the battle, he suffered a near fatal attack of appendicitis. On the morning of June 4, he had wobbled from his sick bay bed and struggled to the bridge to watch the launch of attack aircraft. Garbed in pajamas and a robe, he arrived just prior to the historic five minutes that doomed Japanese expansion in the Central Pacific.

Following is Fuchida's eyewitness account of the destruction of Akagi came after the end of the war. He had also attained details of events of the two other carriers, Soryu and Kaga. Of special note is his scenario of Lt. Richard Best's dive-bombing attack on Akagi on the morning of historic June 4, 1942. Best, one of the Navy few veteran dive-bomber pilots, led one of two aircraft divisions of SBD Dauntless dive-bombers under Enterprise Air Group Commander C. Wade McClusky. Fuchida's dramatic account of the Akagi's devastation resulting from Richard Halsey Best's bomb strikes, picks up just as Fuchida had made his way to the bridge of the carrier.)

"At 10:24 that morning, I arrived at a vantage point to see the first Zero fighter starting down the deck to take off, Fuchida wrote. At that instant, a lookout screamed: 'Helldivers.' I looked up to see three black enemy planes plummeting towards our ship. Some of our machine-guns managed to fire a few frantic bursts at them, but it was too late. The plump silhouette of the first dive-bomber (Dick Best's SBD) seemed to be coming down



Painting by Ray Adley from the collection of Russ Huff

Artist's rendering of Lt. Dick Best's dive on the Japanese carrier Akagi. Flying with Best that day was Chief Radioman Jim Murray. AMM1/c Ed White was the plane's mechanic.

on my head. There were suddenly three bombs falling, one after another. I fell intuitively to the deck and crawled behind the shelter of a command post mantelet.

"The terrifying scream of the dive-bomber reached me first, followed by the explosion of the first bomb. There was a blinding flash and then a second explosion, much louder than the first. There followed a startling quiet as the barking of guns suddenly ceased. The American planes were already out of sight. The attackers arrived unimpeded because our fighters, which had engaged the preceding wave of American torpedo planes, had not had time to regain altitude. Consequently, it may be said that the American dive-bombers' success was made possible by the earlier martyrdom of their torpedo planes. Also, our carriers had no time to evade because clouds hid the enemy's approach until the first one dove down over us to start the attack.

"Looking down over Akagi, I was horrified at the destruction wrought in a matter of seconds. There was a huge hole in the flight deck just behind the amidships

to the bridge, I could see in the distance that Kaga and Soryu had also been hit and, like Akagi, were giving off flames and heavy columns of black smoke.

"The scene below me along the flight deck was horrible to behold. Akagi had all three hits in the most vital places, one on the after rim of the amidships elevator, the other on the rear guard on the port side of the flight deck, and the third among armed and fueled airplanes. Induced explosions of fuel and munitions devastated whole sections of the ship, shaking the bridge and filling the air with deadly splinters. As fierce fire ran through much of the ship, torpedoes and bombs began to explode, making it impossible to bring the fires under control. The entire hangar deck below was also a blazing inferno with the flames moving swiftly towards the bridge.

"Nagumo's chief of staff, Adm. Ryu-

See Akagi attack, page 6

elevator. The elevator itself, twisted like molten glass, was dropping into the hangar. Deck plates reeled upwards in grotesque configurations. Planes stood tail up, belching livid flame and jet-black smoke. A group of the planes had been parked aft, waiting to take off. One of the three bombs struck the deck in the middle of the aircraft. Reluctant tears streamed down my cheeks as I watched the fires spread. I was terrified at the prospect of induced explosions, which would surely doom Akagi, and did. I staggered down a ladder and into the ready room. It was already jammed with badly burned victims from the hangar deck. A new explosion was followed quickly by several more. Climbing back

Akagi attack: Best leads the way

Continued from page 5

mosuke Kusaka, had urged that Nagumo's flag be transferred to the light cruiser Nagara. Nagumo gave only a half-hearted nod, but he was reluctant to leave his ship.

All passages below were on fire. Kusaka made a final plea to Nagumo. The only means of escape at this time was down a rope to the deck, then by the outboard passage to the anchor deck. I noted the time as 10:46.

"Akagi's rudder had been put out of commission. The air officer looked back at me and said, 'Fuchida, we won't be able to stay much longer. Better get to the hangar deck. In my condition this was no easy task. Getting down the rope was painful. My feet were burned from searing hot deck plates. On the gun deck I was still ten feet above the flight deck. Without recourse I jumped. At that instant, another explosion occurred in the hangar, and the resultant blast sent me sprawling and knocking me out momentarily. Returning to consciousness, I struggled to rise to my feet, but felt the pain as both of my ankles were broken. Helped by some sailors, I found myself on a jammed anchor deck. I was strapped into a bamboo stretcher and lowered to a boat, which carried me, and other wounded to the Nagara.

"Meanwhile, efforts to bring Akagi's fires under control were useless. Her dynamos were out, the fireproof hangar doors had been destroyed, and even the chemical fire extinguishers would not work. Men below deck were being

killed in groups as they vainly tried battling the fires as one explosion after another ripped Akagi's bowels apart. Not a man escaped from the noxious and isolated engine room. The Akagi remained in her death throes until 6 p. m., when she was ordered abandoned. The Akagi's CO, Capt. Taijiro Aoki returned alone to his vessel and lashed himself to the anchor chain mechanism to await his

"At that instant, a lookout screamed: 'Helldivers.' I looked up to see three black enemy planes plummeting towards our ship."

Cmdr. Mitsuo Fuchida, Air Wing Commander on Akagi

ship's plunge to the floor of the Pacific.

"Soryu, the third victim of American dive-bombers received fewer hits than Kaga, but sank at 7:25 on the evening of June 4, taking 800 of her crew with her after she was wrenched by two tremendous explosions. Soryu, struck at 10:25, was reduced five minutes later into a hell of smoke and flames. She finally went to a watery grave at 7:13 p.m. Both carriers suffered the same internal and external devastation as

Akagi," Fuchida concluded.

On the afternoon of June 4, the last of the four Japanese carriers, the Hiryu, was sighted at 2:45. On this vessel hung any hope by the Japanese of salvaging a possible victory yet against the forces of Pacific Fleet Commander Adm. Chester Nimitz. Vice Adm. Nagumo had hoped strongly that Hiryu's remaining planes might have been able to somehow turn the tide of victory and then lure the Americans into a night surface engagement in which Adm. Yamamoto could bring into play his battleship forces. However, Hiryu, too, was doomed. Dive bombers under the redoubtable Wade McClusky, including Dick Best, jumped Hiryu at 5 p.m. The carrier received four direct bomb hits. Among those who went down with her was Rear Adm. Tamon Yamaguchi, the man who historians claim was to have been Adm. Yamamoto's successor.

Lt.Cmdr. Max Leslie's dive-bombers that had sunk Soryu, had returned and were circling over Yorktown, ready to land just as the carrier's radar reported 30 to 40 planes approaching from the WSW, 40 miles out. Leslie's planes were waved away as the ship's combat air patrol, part of Lt.Cmdr. John S. Thach's "Fighting Three" were sent out to intercept. Thach's Wildcats did themselves proud. They shot down over half of the 18 Val bombers in the formation, but a few got through. One bomb hitched to a Val tumbled down on Yorktown's flight deck as the flaming aircraft disintegrated when hit by anti-aircraft fire. The explosion killed many men and started fires below, spreading black smoke over the carrier.

The officer of the hangar deck, Lt. A. C. Emerson, released the sprinkler system and water curtains, which quickly extinguished the fires. But a second bomb came in from the port side and he soot and paint, which flaked off and started fires everywhere, ruptured the uptakes from three boilers, disabled two of them, and snuffed out fires in five out of six boilers. Yorktown's speed dropped to six knots and by 12:20 p. m., 20 minutes following the hit, Yorktown stopped dead in her wake.

Then, a third bomb exploded into the fourth deck, starting a fire dangerously close to the carrier's gasoline tanks and magazines. Topside, meanwhile, fire on the bridge had knocked out the ship's radar, rendering flag plot and communications untenable. Adm. Frank "Jack" Fletcher had no choice but to switch his flag to the cruiser USS Astoria. Remarkably, Yorktown's damage-control parties managed to extinguish most of the fires and by 1:40 p. m., to everyone's joy, Yorktown, two of its boiler's reactivated, was making 18 knots. She began refueling and sending off 18 Wildcat fighter planes when Hiryu's second attack found her. Within an hour, Yorktown was totally out of commission. Now she was a useless derelict. Enemy bombs and torpedoes had wasted her. She was abandoned about 3 p. m. With the destroyer Hammann alongside her, Yorktown was struck by torpedoes fired by a Japanese submarine on June 6. While one torpedo missed, one struck Hammann, subsequently killing many of her crew. On June 7, at 6 a. m., Yorktown rolled over and sank in 2,000 feet of calm sea.

'Scholarships for Military Children' program graduates with honors

By Bonnie Powell

DECA Marketing Business Unit

One of the military community's premier benefits has become even more valuable to nearly 400 college and high school students. The first annual Scholarships for Military Children winners have been announced and the "honor roll" is impressive. One winner, Hiram

Rodriguez, of NAS Jacksonville sponsored by USA Detergents, Inc.

The Scholarships for Military Children program was initiated last fall to award scholarships to graduating high school seniors or college-enrolled students at over 280 commissaries worldwide. At least one \$1,500 award per commissary location was planned for the first year, but eager students turned

in more than 5,000 applications and sponsors was fantastic," said Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) Director Air Force Major Gen. Robert J. Courter, Jr. "Through the generosity of our trading partners, additional scholarships were made available for other high quality applicants." A total of 391 scholarships are being awarded for the fall of 2001. See the list of winners at www.commissaries.com.

"The commissary benefit is always named as one of the top military benefits," said Courter. "This scholarship program enhances an already valuable benefit by improving educational opportunities for military children. It also involves our commissaries ... with the military community they serve."

The scholarships were open to qualified sons and daughters of U.S. military members to include active duty, retirees, and guard/reserves. A 3.0 grade point average, community and leadership activities, and an essay on "What Being a Military Dependent Means to Me" were also required.

The Fisher House Foundation is administering the Scholarships for Military

Children program through a professional scholarship evaluation company. Fisher House is known for building the military comfort homes near military medical facilities.

Manufacturers and organizations that do business with the commissary system funded the scholarships with money ordinarily used for various other contests and promotions.

The scholarship funds were accepted for Fisher House by Scholarship Managers. Fisher House and DeCA were not involved in the selection process.

Bernard Cote 'of Scholarship Mangers, said the overall caliber of applicants for Scholarships for Military Children was very high - so high that in many cases the decision came down to the student's level of community involvement coupled with the essay. "the caliber of recipients is exceptional with the average GPA exceeding 3.5," said Cote.

"The essays are also exceptional! Many are fit for publication and they reflect mature, outstanding young persons whose lives have been enriched by their parents' military experiences."

Seabees construct massive pavilion

By CM1 Tom Briney

Base personnel are lining up to reserve a recently completed pavilion built by the Seabees of CBU 410. The seven Seabees led by BU2 Maurice Burnett, completed the pavilion, located adjacent to the NAS Jacksonville Bachelor Officer's Quarters, in mid-April, well ahead of the projects planned completion date.

The pavilion is 60 feet wide and 108 feet long, and covers a whopping 6,480 square feet. To create such a building, you simply need 28 steel columns, beautifully pre-engineered wooden trusses, 190 cubic yards of concrete, 560 square feet of tongue and grooved roofing material, and some felt paper and shingles. Throw in a UT2, SW2, SW3, EO3, BU3 and maybe even a SWCA for good measure, a 45-day deadline, a relentless Ops chief, a little Seabee pride and the end result is the base receives another fine facility to use for years to come.

With a facility such as this along the banks of the St. Johns River, it was destined to become a very popular place.

The pavilion was the host site for Rear Adm. Mike Johnson, CEC, when he recently commissioned the Engineering Field Activity Southeast.

It is also a perfect facility to host change of commands, retirements, picnics and anything else you can think of.

"I think this place will get a lot of good use due to its size and location", said EO3 (SCW) Clifford Martin. Burnett said, "People stop by to see how we are doing and can't believe that we are going to use these massive wooden beams. They (the beams) are something you would see in a church or something".

So in the years to come, as you enjoy this fine facility, the men that built it do not want you to remember their names, nor the busted knuckles or the sore muscles, but rather, they do ask that you enjoy and take care of the new pavilion. But just in case you would like to know their names, they are crew leader, BU2 Maurice Burnett, UT2 Matthew Pfitzner, SW2(SCW) Daniel Solis, BU3 Anthony Jones, EO3 (SCW) Martin, SW3 Trevor Merritt and SWCA William Phillips.

Seabees "Can Do!"



Seabees watch a wooden beam lowered by a crane



Seabees from CBU 410 screed concrete to ensure a quality finish.

Hey, MoneyMan!

My neighbor, who is also in the Navy, just moved into the apartment next door and he told me he moved himself and made lots of money. He called it a "DITY" move. Is it true that the government will pay you to move yourself?

MoneyMan Sez:

It is true, but don't plan on making "lots of money." The "do it yourself (DITY)" move, formally known as Personally Procured Transportation, has been around for years. Essentially, the

government will pay you 95 percent of what it would have cost to move you from your old to your new duty station. However, moving yourself is a lot of work. And, of course, there is a lot of red tape and record keeping. According to a recent Navy Times article, the average do-it-yourselfer clears about \$600. To learn more about the "pros and cons," contact your Personal Property Office.

More Questions? Call Hey Money-Man! at 778-0353.

Roland Garcia: **Navy College Success Story**

By MaryAnne Scales

Navy College Learning Center

Roland Garcia is an individual whose story can serve as an inspiration to anyone wanting to get a college education. Due to hard work and a solid plan, he will have been able to achieve a Bachelor's degree in less than two years. What follows is his story.

According to Garcia, his decision to pursue an education occurred about two years ago. He was nearing the completion of his military goal and had no formal education. Knowing that in the workplace a degree could sometimes be the determining factor for being offered a job with a decent salary, his choice was clear: identify and begin a program that he could complete in the two years he had left.

Making the decision to get started may have been the hardest part of the process. Garcia quickly set up an appointment with a Navy College Office counselor, Pete Baker. Pete printed out a copy of Garcia's SMART transcript and, after finding out Garcia's military background as an electronics technician, walked him down the hall to the SIU (Southern Illinois University) office. SIU suggested their bachelor of Electronics Management program and developed a plan for Garcia to accomplish his goal using a combination of their classes, FCCJ's classes, and DANTES and CLEP tests.

Within 18 months, Garcia completed the SIU and FCCJ classes and was ready to tackle the DANTES and CLEP

tests. He first knocked out two DANTES humanities tests. His next test would be the Natural Sciences CLEP. However, after taking a sample test, he realized that he would need to do some extra work to prepare for the test.

Garcia approached the Navy College Learning Center, which is located across from the Navy College Office, and spoke with the facilitators about his goal. They suggested that he take the Center's science fundamentals curricula on the computer, which has a proven track record of preparing students for the CLEP he wanted. After completing the program, Garcia took the Natural Sciences CLEP and scored substantially above the average. When he was asked how prepared he had felt for the CLEP he said, "There was little on that test that I didn't know - put it that way."

Now, Garcia has only one test standing between him and a bachelor's degree in Electronics Management. When asked about his experience with the Navy College Office, Garcia said, "I knew that the Navy College Office could help (you) with what you want - even with time constraints, they were able to develop a plan that worked (for me)." Garcia says that the atmosphere was positive and encouraging and definitely more than he expected.

Garcia has secured a job at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida in the Information Technology department that will begin after he retires.

To get started on a degree program, contact the Navy College Office at 542-2477.

VP-62 'Broadarrows' participate in Belize community outreach project

By CWO2 Tina Baker

The "Broadarrows" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 62 recently completed a six-week detachment to Belize City, Belize in support of Counter-Narcotic Drug Operations under the direction of Joint Interagency Task Force (JIATF) West.

Belize is a small country located between Mexico and Guatemala on the Caribbean coast of Central America.

Last fall, the squadron sent representatives on two liaison trips in preparation for the upcoming detachment this spring.

While on these trips, squadron members expressed to the American Embassy the desire to do a community outreach project that would improve the quality of life in Belize.

Joel Danies, the administration officer at the embassy, helped the "Broadarrows" get in touch with "The King's Children Home" in the capital city of Belmopan. The King's Children Home provides a home to foster children and children abandoned at birth. The home is run by a local church and has as many as 48 children at one time living in this small facility.

Members of VP-62 designed a segment for the squadron's web page dedicated to the children's home and

listed the needs and repairs that the home required.

The "Broadarrow" team received many gracious donations from the local community, churches and squadron members. Donations included sheets, towels, toys, clothes, screening material, plumbing items and furniture.

While there, the "Broadarrows" paid several visits to the home. The children enjoyed the personal attention that they received from the sailors of VP-62 and were very curious about life in America. They played soccer, colored, gave piggyback rides, and had a great time blowing bubbles.

The Sailors made much-needed repairs to the home, installing smoke detectors and fire extinguishers. They also furnished a comfortable playroom with a sectional sofa, VCR, TV and several Disney movies.

According to Master Chief Rob Mahool, who detached to Belize in March, "There are a lot of fun things to do in Belize, but being here with these kids brings a tear to your eye. It is good to know that you have made a positive impression on the kids and community here."

The "Broadarrow" Team was thankful for the opportunity to share their time and gifts with these children.



U.S. Navy Photo

Members of VP-62 replace broken window screens at The King's Children Home in Belize City, Belize

'Diamondcutters' teams with CVW-17, USS John F. Kennedy in CEC Exercise

By Lt. Jason Munos
VS-30 PAO

Sea Control Squadron (VS) 30 recently participated in the USS John F. Kennedy's Cooperative Engagement Concept Exercise (CEC). Several squadrons from Carrier Air-Wing Seventeen (CVW-17) were on hand for the exercise in the Virginia (VACAPES) and Puerto Rico operating areas, which provided a perfect opportunity to accomplish some outstanding training including Direct Tracking Exercises (DTE), War at Sea Exercises, and Carrier Qualifications. Through the outstanding effort of the JFK and CVW-17, VS-30 excelled reaching several milestones.

The "Diamondcutters" brought three aircraft, and with an average day including two flights per crew, the maintenance department had their work cut out for them. Demonstrating the teamwork and dedication, which led the squadron to the CNO Safety and CinCLantFlt



U.S. Navy photo

Cmdr. James Wagner and Lt.j.g. Aaron Friedrich trap aboard the USS John F. Kennedy.

Battle "E" Awards, Team "Diamond" performed flawlessly. With limited parts available onboard and less than a full complement of troops, the VS-30 maintenance department still provided the tools to achieve a 100 percent sortie completion rate.

During day and night periods, the main objective of the JFK was to hone their defensive tactics by using aircraft as simulated inbound targets. The DTE evolutions provided the tracking controllers with a valuable opportunity to calibrate their equipment and practice defense proce-

dures. VS-30 played an integral part in helping the JFK controllers, flight deck shooters and crew accomplish numerous qualifications, exceeding all expectations.

On April 27, personnel on-board the JFK were fortunate enough to witness a live Sea Sparrow launch. A drone aircraft was launched from a nearby ship and tracked until it became an imminent threat to the carrier. The missile batteries were automatically activated and fired when the drone reached a predetermined closing distance. The launch provided a truly awesome display of

carrier defense.

While aboard USS John F. Kennedy, VS-30 personnel reached several milestones. Most notable is the Commanding Officer's 1,000th trap. Cmdr. James S. Wagner became the first career S-3B pilot to reach 1,000 traps. The Capt. of the USS John F. Kennedy, Capt. Mo Joyce, and Capt. (Select) Gregory Nowak, JFK Air Boss, notable Viking community veterans, were on hand to witness Wagner's achievement. Also noteworthy were Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Marshall's, VS-30 Maintenance Officer, 500th trap, two ACTC Level IV qualifications received by Lt. Rick Piechota and Lt. Bryan Ross and invaluable pre-cruise training for VS-30's newest NFOs and Pilots.

In all, VS-30's detachment aboard the JFK was truly beneficial training for all parties involved. Joyce expressed his deepest appreciation to VS-30 and CVW-17 for such a successful training operation. "Diamondcutter" Maintenance deserves outstanding praise for their efforts and efficiency. They were able to maintain a level of operation that is a benchmark for aircraft maintenance throughout the Navy. The JFK crew deserves the highest praise for their outstanding efforts and dedication to safety throughout each and every evolution. VS-30 is proud to have taken part in such a wonderful opportunity.



VP-7 Reunion Coordinator Capt. Wayne Gullet with Cmdr. Tim Boothe, VP-5 commanding officer.

Just like old times

By Lt.j.g. Jerome C. Johnson
VP-5 PAO

As we look forward to the future, sometimes it takes a blast from the past to help keep things in perspective. Patrol Squadron (VP) 5 was hit with that blast in the form of a group of retirees from one of NAS Jacksonville's last operational P-2V squadrons.

The "Mad Foxes" hosted the VP-7 Reunion and by the accounts of all involved, it was a great success.

Established as Bombing Squadron One Hundred Nineteen (VB) 119 on Aug. 15, 1944, in NAAS Camp Kearney, Calif., the squadron immediately began training on the PB4Y-1 Liberator and the PB4Y-2 Privateer bombers. Upon completion of extensive training in March of 1945, the squadron conducted its first combat patrols over the South China Sea.

During the squadron's six months of combat operations from Clark Air Base, the "Dragon Patrol," as they were called back then, claimed the destruction of 13 aircraft in the air, the sinking or damaging of a large number of ships and the destruction of many shore installations.

Transitioning to the P2V-2 aircraft commenced at MCAS Miramar, Calif. with the arrival of the first aircraft and instructor crew. Redesignation as Patrol Squadron Seven (VP) 7 occurred on Sept. 1, 1948.

The squadron was deployed to the South Pacific and relocated frequently to different deployment sites without returning to their home base. The squadron was also involved in conduct-

ing surveillance operations against Soviet transports during the Cuban Quarantine.

The VP-7 members were given a briefing of the current mission and capabilities of today's mighty P-3 Orion by Cmdr. Tim Boothe, the VP-5 squadron commanding officer.

The former airmen inquired about many of the different aspects of maritime patrol. Everything from how many planes and squadrons are operating to what is the future of the maritime patrol and reconnaissance community.

The Skipper answered all questions candidly and assured them that not only is maritime patrol and reconnaissance here to stay, but the Navy could not effectively and efficiently function without its irreplaceable services.

Those wishing to log time in the Orion simulators and those wishing to tour an actual aircraft were divided into different groups.

Aircrew personnel explaining the various stations and systems in the two totally different aircraft configurations represented on the flightline complemented the Orion tour.

Many of the visitors mentioned the remarkable difference in the planes they were shown by VP-5 and the ones they mastered back in World War II and Korea.

It is often said that you can see the future by simply looking into the past.

If the sense of tradition and pride displayed by the shipmates from VP-7 were any indication of things to come, the future of maritime patrol and reconnaissance is bright indeed.

KUDO KORNER

The following personnel from REDCOM Southeast, Jacksonville, Fla., were recently recognized for outstanding service:

Legion of Merit
Capt. Rhonda Landers
Army Achievement Medal
JO3 Jennifer Valdivia
Good Conduct Medal
PN1 Van Walker
YN2 Jennifer Terral
YN2 Jennifer Rickerson
Volunteer Service Medal
PN1 Van Walker
Flag Letter of Commendation

YN1 LaShawn Willis
Sailor of the Quarter
YN2 Jennifer Rickerson

v/r
YN2 Jennifer L. Terral
REDCOM Southeast Asst. Public Affairs Officer
Phone: (904) 542-2486, ext. 125/DSN: 942-2486
Fax: (904) 542-4180/DSN: 942-4180
E-Mail: rcsen01h1@navresjax.navy.mil
Website: www.redcomsoutheast.navy.mil

First Coast Mustangs seek members

Qualifications: Must have enlisted as a recruit in the Navy or Marine Corps and received as a minimum the Good Conduct Medal. Must have been selected for a commission through the sea service, inservice procurement program.

Job Requirement: Superior leadership and professional skills and a willingness to mentor and reach out to

those enlisted personnel who desire to move up through the ranks.

Reward: You will become a member of a support network of active, retired, and reserve Mustangs that work collaboratively to light the path for future Mustangs while enjoying camaraderie both socially and

professionally.

For more info, contact Lt. Bernie Williams-McGuire at 270-5306 or email at bmcquire@sar.med.navy.mil

Visit the Mustang website at www.geocities.com/sribandit2/index.html.



Bargaining: Agreement signed

Continued from page 3

Kersey, AFGE Local 2010 Secretary for Navy Public Works Center, Jacksonville.

Kersey, who participated in both previous master agreements and was familiar with collaborative negotiations, said, "Some new commands were not exactly sold on our way of doing things." He said some representatives from these activities might have expected a more adversarial environment - a sentiment that did not last. "By the third day, they were sold," said Kersey.

Acknowledging tight budgets, demands for outsourcing and a future of unknown issues can be more successfully addressed as a management and union team, Kersey said, "Together we're facing some tough decisions... together they're easier to swallow."

"We're so proud of this... we have 16 autonomous unions and 16 individual commands coming together on a collaborative basis," George Vitetta said.

commands coming together on a collaborative basis," Vitetta said.

Vitetta contrasted the successful venture with others involving single management and union elements saying, "There are commands within the Navy that have been in negotiations for a year."

The large-scale effort has been the subject of much interest by other Navy commands that have requested copies of the agreement for their own negotiations.

AFGE National President Bobby Hardage was so interested in the process he made time to kick off opening day events April 25.

Commander, Navy Region Southeast, Rear Adm. Jan Gaudio, said, "This historic agreement is the result of a great deal of hard work by all parties. I am very pleased and excited, because it demonstrates a mutual trust and respect between labor and management."

'Mad Foxes' CMC Richard completes 30-years service

By Lt. j.g. Jerome C. Johnson
VP-5 PAO

Patrol Squadron (VP) 5's, CDMCMC (AW) John M. Richard, retired from the Navy during a recent ceremony in Hangar 1000. On hand to celebrate his distinctive career were a host of family, friends, and distinguished guests. He retired after 30 years of exemplary service and tireless dedication.

Richard, a native of Lake Charles, La., enlisted in the Navy on Aug. 27, 1971 and completed boot camp at Recruit Training Command, Orlando, Fla. After a short period of instruction as a student at Naval Technical Training Center at Memphis, Tenn., in he reported aboard Reconnaissance Attack Squadron (RVAH) 11 off the coast of North Vietnam. After this deployment, the command subsequently returned to its homeport at NAS Albany, Ga.

As a second class petty officer in September 1975, he began his first tour of duty in the P-3 community when he was assigned to VP-30 at NAS Jacksonville. As the Airframes Branch Leading Petty Officer he led and supervised more than 50 personnel.

In December 1978 he transferred, as a first class petty officer, to Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron (HS) 7 with a follow-on tour to NAS Jacksonville's Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department (AIMD) as Airframes Division Shop Supervisor.

His next sea tour was with Air Light Attack Squadron (VA) 82 onboard NAS Cecil Field, Fla. in July 1981. Following a tour at the Naval Military Personnel Command in Washington, DC, where he underwent initiation and subsequent promotion to Chief Petty Officer, he returned to Cecil Field in June 1987 onboard Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 86. During that tour he was promoted to senior chief petty officer.

After attending the Navy Senior Enlisted Academy in Newport, R.I., in January 1991 he was transferred to AIMD, Cecil Field, as the Air Operations Department Leading Senior Chief Petty Officer. During this tour, he was



CDMCMC (AW) John M. Richard

promoted to Master Chief Petty Officer and also served as interim base Command Master Chief.

In September 1993, he reported onboard Carrier Anti-submarine Warfare Squadron (VS) 24 as their Command Master Chief. In July 1996, he reported to Naval Recruiting District, Jacksonville, Fla., as the Command Master Chief. Since May of 1999 he has tirelessly served VP-5 as the "Mad Foxes" Command Master Chief.

He has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal; Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal; Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal; Navy Unit Commendation; Meritorious Unit Commendation; Good Conduct Medal; Navy Expeditionary Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Vietnam Service Medal; Southwest Asia Service Medal; Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbon; Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation; NATO Medal; Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon; Navy Expert Rifleman Medal; Gold Reefs; and Enlisted Aviation Surface Warfare Pin.

Richard and his wife, the former Mary Helen Goff, will enjoy their retirement in Jacksonville.

Give It Once, It's a Nice Gift. Give It Every Year and It's a Nice Education.

Let's face it. Most gifts end up in the trash. But U.S. Savings Bonds are gifts with a future. And when you give them every year, they can make a real dent in someone's college bills. With eight denominations to choose from, you can decide how large you want that dent to be. So whether you choose the popular Series EE Bonds or the inflation-protected I Bonds, your gift will continue to grow for years to come. And when it's needed, it'll be there, safe, sound, and more valuable than ever.

Savings Bonds can be purchased through most local banks, where you work, or automatically through the new Savings Bonds EasySaver™ Plan at www.savings.gov.

Call 1-800-433-8046 for detailed rate information, or write to: Savings Bonds Patient Service, P.O. Box 1376.



VP-5: Frost relieves Boothe

Continued from page 1

From 1986 to 1989 he remained at Moffett field as an Instructor in VP-31, a Fleet Replacement Squadron. He then joined Patrol Special Projects Unit Two, NAS Barbers Point, Hawaii. In 1990, Boothe returned to Moffett Field where he served on the Commander, Patrol Wings, U.S. Pacific Fleet staff. In 1992, he reported to USS Nimitz where he qualified as Officer of the Deck (underway) and earned the Surface Warfare Officer designation.

In 1994 Boothe joined VP-45 at NAS Jacksonville as a Department Head. He then reported to the Chief of Naval Operations Staff, Navy Special Programs Division (OPNAV/N89), Washington, DC, in 1995.

In March 1998, Boothe returned to NAS Jacksonville as executive officer for the VP-30. In June 1999, he reported to VP-5 to serve as executive officer, and he assumed command of the "Mad Foxes" in June 2000.

Boothe, his wife, Holly, and daughter, Ellie, are departing for Patuxent River, Md. for Boothe's next assignment at Commander Naval Air Systems Command (ComNavAirSysCom).

Cmdr. Patrick E. Buckley, a native of Hawaii, has reported to VP-5 to serve as executive officer. A graduate of the

United States Naval Academy, he completed flight training and was designated a Naval Aviator in August 1985.

He subsequently completed tours with the VP-11 "Proud Pegasus" and VP-30. After serving as the Flag Secretary for Commander, Carrier Group Six aboard USS America (CV-66), he earned a Masters Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College.

Buckley then reported as a "Mad Fox" for his Department Head tour in March 1996.

From June 1998 to March 2000 he served in the Bureau of Personnel (BuPers) as the Assistant Washington Placement Officer. Buckley also served as executive officer of VP-30 before reporting to VP-5.

Buckley, his wife Jean and their sons, Sean, Daniel and Joseph, reside in Orange Park, Fla.

VP-5 will deploy to Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy this summer supporting peace and democracy in the highly volatile Balkans.

The squadron will provide critical intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance of the region in support of the U.S. Naval presence in the Mediterranean theater.



Photo By Jeff Hilton

Final flight ends with splash--Patrol Squadron (VP) Five Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Tim Boothe, smiles in a wet flight suit following his final mission with the Mad Foxes. Squadron Sailors greeted their skipper with a traditional wash down after he stepped off a P-3C Orion May 29. Boothe, who has more than 4,000 hours flight time, turned over his command June 1. He will join the staff of Naval Air Systems Command at NAS Patuxent River, Md.

'Paint the Town' says thanks



Photo By JO2 Eric Clay

The "Paint the Town" organization hosted a picnic May 24 at NAS Jax to thank volunteers from commands at Naval Air Station Jacksonville. The Navy volunteers provided 6,000 volunteer hours. "Paint the Town" Representative Greg Hawkins said, "The Navy help was fantastic and very well appreciated." The Navy also sent volunteers to build wheelchair ramps as part of the same program. Hawkins added, "All year long, the Navy was there to help build better quality of living for the neighborhoods." Commands participating in the on-going program include Naval Hospital Jacksonville, Branch Medical Clinic, Family Practice Clinic, Hospital Dental Clinic, Hospital Mental Health Clinic, Hospital Surgical Clinic, Naval Air Reserve, Air Ops, GEMD, SERCC/NADEP, NLMOF/MET, Sea Control Squadron (VS) 31, NavComTelSta, FACSFac, NAMTra, CNRSE, Weapons, REDCOM Southeast, Supply/ASD, PSA, FASO, Health Care Support Office, Patrol Squadron (VP) 45, Air Traffic Control and the Hospital Det at Blount Island.

NAVY NEWS

VFA-37 CO relieved of command, involved in Kuwait bombing range accident

NORFOLK, Va. (NWS) - Cmdr. David Zimmerman, commanding officer of Oceana-based Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 37, has been relieved of his command as a result of his actions during a live-fire training accident at the Udairi Range in Kuwait March 12.

Rear Adm. Michael Malone, commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic Fleet, relieved Zimmerman after he faced a UCMJ administrative hearing conducted by Commander, 5th Fleet, in Bahrain. Malone cited loss of confidence in Zimmerman's ability to command.

Cmdr. Norbert Szarleta, VFA-37's executive officer, has assumed command of the squadron.

Zimmerman's F/A-18 from USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75), operating in the Northern Persian Gulf, dropped explosive ordnance near an observation

post at the Udairi Range, a training facility located approximately 45 miles northwest of Kuwait City. The F/A-18 aircraft was participating in a routine close air support training exercise involving joint and coalition forces.

Six coalition military personnel were killed - five U.S. military personnel and one New Zealand military member.

The squadron returned to Oceana, Va., May 22. USS Harry S. Truman returned May 23.

Navy researchers developing mission and life-saving vaccines

SILVER SPRING, Md. (NWS) — It forced the turnaround of a Navy aircraft during an important overseas exercise and grounded seven aviators. After a 10-day port visit in the Mediterranean, it struck 777 Sailors aboard USS Forrestal (CV 59) and USS Yorktown (CG 48), sending them to sickbay with high fevers, nausea, vomiting and abdominal

pain. Many required intravenous fluids, consuming more than half of the ships' supply.

During Operation Desert Shield, 57 percent of ground troops in Saudi Arabia and 46 percent of the people on USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) were struck with it.

What is "it"?

Most know it as travelers' diarrhea, a gut-wrenching, fever-inducing, nauseous illness caused by one or all of three bacteria — Campylobacter jejuni, Enterotoxigenic E. coli (ETEC) and Shigella. It can put the toughest Sailor, Marine or soldier on the binnacle list, and weaken a ready force. The impact of diarrheal diseases on deployed troops underscores the need to find a way to stop it.

While the "don't drink the water" warning can help, the smallest slip — eating unpeeled fruit, brushing teeth with tap water — can send the toughest Leatherneck running for the latrine.

Capt. Daniel Scott (Medical Corps), head of the enteric diseases program at Naval Medical Research Center (NMRC) in Silver Spring, Md., thinks there's a better way to keep troops

healthy.

"Our team was the first in the world to conduct Campylobacter vaccine trials on volunteers and the results were exciting," said Scott. "These early phase trials showed a favorable immune response."

Scott said one of the reasons developing a vaccine is so important is because of the alarming rate Campylobacter and the other bacteria become resistant to antibiotics. Vaccines are needed more than ever as a front line defense.

Besides developing a vaccine to combat Campylobacter, NMRC's researchers are also seeking to develop an ETEC vaccine. This effort is being lead by Capt. Stephen Savarino (Medical Corps) and his research team. Still in the early development stages, they are studying ways of preventing the ETEC bacteria from attaching to the intestine walls. The new vaccines would be used to inoculate troops before they deploy, but they also have a far-reaching humanitarian benefit. Worldwide, diarrheal diseases are a major cause of disability and death, especially among young children.

Jax Tales

By Mike Jones - mikejones43@hotmail.com



Capt. Lewis to lead JU's Lifelong Learning College

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - Capt. Kirk T. Lewis, commanding officer of Jacksonville University's NROTC Unit, has been chosen as the new executive director of the College of Lifelong Learning. Lewis will relinquish his NROTC command on June 15 and will begin his new duties on July 1.

Lewis has extensive experience in the areas of leadership, problem solving, policy implementation and the development of dynamic recruiting programs.

He is also knowledgeable in the

operations of the University on both the academic and administrative side.

As executive director, he will run all aspects of the College of Lifelong Learning.

Lewis has a master's of science in economics, a masters of arts in strategic studies, and a bachelor's in business administration.

He is involved in the Jacksonville community serving as a director on several boards of various civic organizations.



Capt. Kirk T. Lewis

'Pearl Harbor' revisits historic start of WWII



The *Jax Air News* staff viewed the movie "Pearl Harbor" before its release Memorial Day Weekend. The nearly three-hour epic starring Ben Affleck, Cuba Gooding, Jr. and Jon Voight almost does what Steven Spielberg's "Saving Private Ryan" did a few years ago: awaken the younger generation to the harsh realities of a war our grandparents saw first-hand, and what we've only learned about in school. But the comparisons stop there.

Most of what later generations learned about that "date which will live in infamy" has come from documentaries featuring the few newsreels shot during the attack and numerous accounts from service members stationed at Pearl Harbor that fateful day. When we were old enough to comprehend the attack, we may have wondered what it must've been like to be there when it happened, and how we would've reacted to more than 300 enemy planes unleashing bombs and torpedoes all around us. The makers of "Pearl Harbor" seemingly rely on this introspective reaction by bombarding the viewers' senses with sounds and images of war. It's no coincidence the movie is driven by two basic emotions: love and patriotism. The storyline follows two pilots - best friends, and their mutual love for the same woman. For the average movie-goer, this is a tired theme. But then again, not all love stories take place amid the onslaught of the Second World War.

You should catch "Pearl Harbor," which has drawn large crowds nationwide. It is a good movie.



A beaming AK1 Shelly Wells is reunited with her children Briunna, Kaylee and Craig on the HS-7 flightline.

Hugs and kisses all around!

HS-7, VS-22 return to NAS Jacksonville



By Staff

May 22 marked the return of the aircrew and aircraft of two squadrons, the "Shamrocks" of Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron (HS) 7 and the "Checkmates" of Sea Control Squadron (VS) 22 to Naval Air Station Jacksonville. The next day, May 23, support personnel of both squadrons arrived at NAS Jax, via C-9B transport aircraft.

Both squadrons were deployed for six months aboard the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75). The brand new Navy aircraft carrier was making its first operational deployment. According to Battle Group Commander Rear Adm. Jim McArthur the Truman acquitted herself well in taking her place in Fleet operations. "By providing leadership and stability in a critically important region of the world, this deployment truly demonstrated the strength of America," he said.

The mission of the USS Harry S. Truman Battle Group and



Moments after returning from a six-month deployment with the "Checkmates," AM2 Patrick Jarrels is surrounded by his wife, Louky, and children, Angela and Julian.



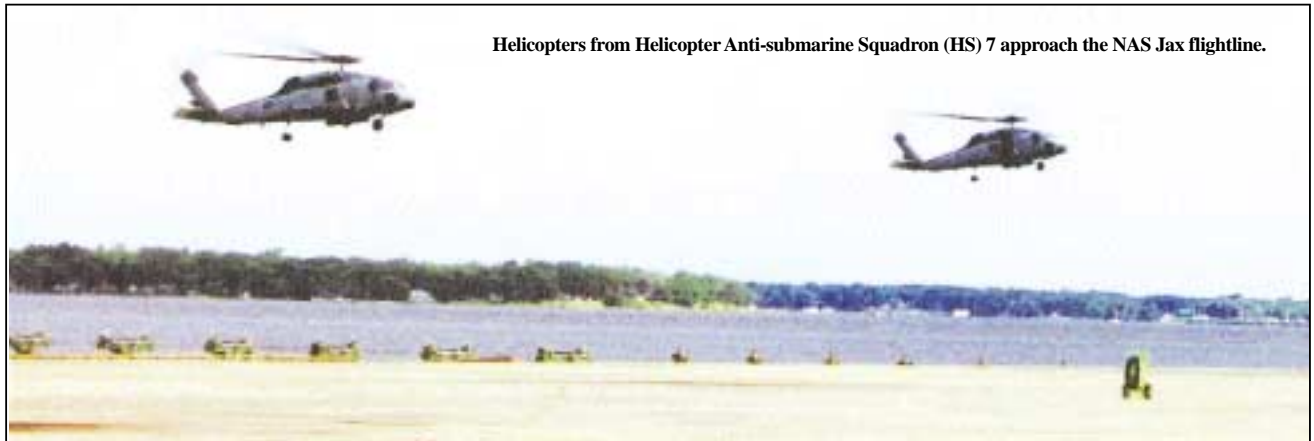
Lt. Robert Holmes embraces his wife, Denise, on the flightline.



Lt. Cmdr Ron Novak gets a big hug from his wife, Stephanie, and daughters, Page and Vanessa.



Excited family and friends await the return of HS-7 Sailors.



Helicopters from Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron (HS) 7 approach the NAS Jax flightline.



After six months on cruise Lt. Dave Simmons spends some quality time with his son, Jackson.

Carrier Air Wing 3 (CVW-3) was to enforce United Nations sanctions on Iraq. During the deployment, they diverted suspected contraband with an estimated value of \$5 million.

They also participated in a joint exercise that included a combat search and rescue drill with assistance from the U.S. and the Royal Air Force.

The VS-22 "Checkmates" missions included working with the Omani Air Force. During the cruise they flew over 2,100 hours and logged more than 1,000 arrested landings.

Returning to Jacksonville, their mission successfully completed, officers and crew were anxious to reunite with their loved ones, a feeling shared on the homefront.

The excitement was high as the formations of squadron aircraft were spotted on the horizon by wives and children who have been counting the days. Flags waved, tears flowed and shouts arose as the aircraft touched down and taxied to the hangars.

Then the moment arrived at last. Engines powered down and the joy powered up as family members made the dash into the arms of their loved ones.

AW1 George Marsinko summed up the feelings of all. "We're all extremely happy to have served and returned with all hands. We are even more pleased to see and be back with our families," he said.



Khadjiah Russell holds on to her father, YN2(AW) Otis Russell, after he returned from a six-month deployment with VS-22.



Cmdr. Robert Rabuse, VS-22 executive officer, is greeted by his wife, Kate and sons William and Nathaniel.



'Checkmates' Lt. James Cahillo, Lt.j.g. Chris Shipe and VS-22 Skipper Cmdr. Chuck Tamblin come home to enthusiastic welcomes on the NAS Jax flightline.

MWR NOTES

Liberty Events: 542-3491/1335

Coming in July: Look for information on a White Water Rafting Trip! For suggestions on trips or events you would like to see at Liberty, please email the Liberty Coordinator at dbuddock@nasjax.navy.mil.

90 Second Shoot-Out - June 6 - Begins at 11:30 a.m. Whoever gets the most balls in the pocket in 90 seconds wins. Free food and drinks. The winner receives \$25.

Celebrate Donald Duck's Birthday at Disney World - June 9 - Come with Liberty to Disney World to celebrate the Birthday of Disney's favorite duck-Donald Duck! \$35/active duty, \$44/guests. Sign up by June 5.

Parasailing Trip - June 10 - Ride 1,400 feet into the air for only \$50. Sign up by June 4.

Flag Day - June 14 - Jet ski, kayak, canoe and BBQ at the Marina. Jet ski space is very limited, and you must have a jet ski safety card issued by the NAS Jax Marina in order to use a jet ski. The cost will be \$5 per half-hour. Call for more information.

Skydiving Trip - June 16 - Skydiving-need we say more? Cost is only \$125/person. Need a minimum of five people to sign up for this rate. Sign up by June 13.

Free Dinner and Movie - June 19 - Enjoy free subs at Liberty Cove at 6 p.m. Then catch the van to the Orange Park Mall for a movie at 6:45 p.m.

Pool Party at the Outdoor Pool - June 22 - Celebrate summer with a pool party. Free food, beverages and giveaways. 6:30-10 p.m.

Deep Sea Fishing - June 23 - Enjoy deep sea fishing aboard the K-2 in St. Augustine. \$40/active duty \$50/guests. Sign up by June 20.

Free Movies

Free movies are shown in the Base Theater located on Jason Street every Fri-

day at 7 p.m. and every other Saturday at 5 and 7 p.m. Movies are open to all. Bring your own snacks, no alcohol please and please do not leave children under 18 unattended.

June 1, 7 p.m. - The Best Man (PG-13)

June 2, 5 p.m. - Chicken Run (G)

June 2, 7 p.m. - The Client (PG-13)

June 8, 7 p.m. - Down in The Delta (PG-13)

June 15, 7 p.m. - Gone in 60 Seconds (PG-13)

June 16, 5 p.m. - Dinosaur (PG)

June 16, 7 p.m. - U-751 (PG-13)

June 23, 7 p.m. - Wrongfully Accused (PG-13)

June 30, 7 p.m. - The Mummy (PG-13)

Marina: 542-3260

As the weather is getting warmer, the water is looking better and better. Come check out what the Mulberry Cove Marina has to offer you for water fun. And don't forget, before you can rent any of the boats, jet skis, or other watercraft, you need to complete a Boater Safety Course that's free to take.

The Zone

Yesterday's Café - Step back in time to the 50's era with tunes on the jukebox and handmade milkshakes. Yesterday's Café is located in The Zone on the corner of Jason Street and Saratoga Avenue and is open from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. May's specials are:

Monday - chicken tenders, fries and drink, \$4

Tuesday - spicy chicken sandwich, fries and drink, \$4

Wednesday - country-fried steak sandwich, soup, chips and drink, \$4

Thursday - tuna salad and drink, \$3

Friday-fried fish sandwich, soup, chips and drink, \$4

Budweiser Brew House - The Brew House is a full family dining facility lo-

cated in The Zone on the corner of Jason Street and Saratoga Avenue. The Brew House has two-for-one specials every Tuesday, come on in and see the line up. Enjoy live entertainment starting at 8 p.m. on Fridays. Call 542-5009.

Bambino's - Call 542-3900 for free on-base delivery. Bambino's is your headquarters for food delivery on base and is running a Wednesday buy one pizza get the second one for half price special after 2 p.m. Delivery ends at 8:30 p.m. However, pick-up of our delicious pizza and subs is available from 8:30-10 p.m. in the Brew House.

Looking for a place to hold a function, meeting or event? The Zone has two catering rooms available, call 542-3521.

Outdoor Pool

Make a splash this season and hold your party of function at the Outdoor Pool Complex. Reservations are first come, first serve. Call 542-3239/2930 and ask for Aquatics today to get your desired date. The cost, which includes certified lifeguards, is \$75 for the first 2 hours and \$25 for additional hours.

CPO Club: 542-3461

Enjoy social hour every Wednesday and Friday with free munchies and beverage specials. On Fridays enjoy live entertainment.

Youth and Teen Events and Activities

NAS Jax Teen Calendar

Mondays:

The Ultimate Journey: A Boys and Girls Club Program that Youth Activities is starting. Teens will be exploring the outdoors to learn about plant and animal life while participating in games, crafts and fun. This program will also reinforce math and science skills as well as gaining an understanding of how humans affect the environment.

June 4 - Mall Trip

June 11 - Fishing at Pier

June 18 - National Splurge Day

June 25 - Nature Walk

Wednesdays:

June 6 - Pool Tournament

June 13 - Theater Works

(9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

June 20 - Adventure Landing Water Park (8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.) \$13.50

June 27 - Chuck E. Cheese (9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) \$6 and Teen Center

* Events are from 6:15-8:15 p.m. unless otherwise noted. All trips require a power of attorney. For more information on Teen Events or to give us ideas call Mary Brannan at 778-9772. Mary is dedicated to creating a positive environment for teens. Spread the news on all the great activities and events planned for teens at NAS Jacksonville.

NAS Jacksonville Youth Activities: 778-9772

Open Recreation every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:15 - 8:15 p.m.

Gym Open: Monday and Wednesday from 6:15 - 8:15 p.m.

Friday Night Activities:

June 1 - School Out Blast, \$3

June 8 - Skating, \$1

June 15 - Pizza and Fun, 43

June 22 - Free Movie Night

June 29 - Games and Prizes, \$1

* Open to ages K-up from 6:15 - 8:15 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Membership cards must be presented for all activities. Children must be pre-registered for all Friday night activities and fees are due the prior Wednesday.

Yellow Water Activities: 777-8247

Teen Night - Mondays 6-8 p.m.

Open Recreation - Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:15-8 p.m.

Friday Night Activities - 6-8 p.m.

June 1 - School's Out Blast, \$3

June 8 - Movie Night, Free

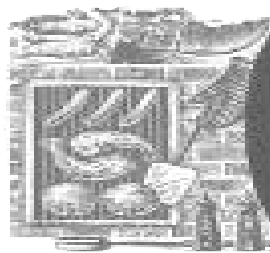
June 15 - Skit Night, \$2

June 22 - board Game Mania, Free

June 29 - Friday Family Fun Fiesta, \$5/household

Girl Scouts - Meetings are held each Wednesday in the Youth Center at 6 p.m. For more information, contact the Troop Leaders: Brownie Troop #492 Ashley Daniel at 317-6649 and Junior Troop #44 Tammy Jones at 771-6479.

For more MWR happenings, visit, www.nasjax.navy.mil, click the MWR link.



What's Cookin'?



AT THE GALLEY

Meal hours

Monday through Friday

Breakfast 6 to 7:30 a.m.

Lunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dinner 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday and holidays

Breakfast 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Brunch 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Dinner 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Meal costs

Breakfast \$1.50

Brunch/Lunch \$3

Dinner \$3

Note: The Galley Menu is subject to change. The food service officer is authorized to make changes to the general mess menu to provide substitutions for food items not in stock or to permit timely use of perishable stocks.

Thursday

Breakfast

Minced beef w/toast
Seasoned diced potatoes
Grits
Grilled bacon slices
French toast
Assorted omelets

Lunch

Roast turkey
Mashed potatoes
Candied sweet potatoes
Brown gravy
Hot cornbread
Baked ham
Cornbread dressing
Collard greens w/ham hocks
Tomato rice soup

Dinner

Syrian beef stew
Steamed broccoli
Split pea soup
Fried fish portions
Steamed egg noodles
Steamed rice
Glazed carrots

Friday

Breakfast
Oven fried bacon
Lyonnais potatoes
Rolled oats
Corned beef hash
Apple fritters
Assorted omelets

Lunch

Herbed baked fish
Rice pilaf
Quick onion soup
Brussel sprouts
Chili macaroni
Scalloped potatoes
Succotash
New England clam chowder

Dinner

Yankee pot roast w/natural gravy
Rissolle potatoes
Steamed cabbage
Corn on the cob
Honey glazed Cornish hens
Whipped potatoes
Manhattan clam chowder
Chicken gravy

Saturday

Breakfast
Grilled bacon
Grilled hash browns
Farina
Sausage patties
Waffles
Assorted omelets

Brunch

Chicken fillet sandwich
Sausage patties
Waffles
Beef noodle soup
Baked beans
Peas w/celery
Farina
French fried potatoes

Dinner

Meatloaf
Fried rice
Cauliflower Polonaise
Mulligatawny soup
Southern fried fish
Parsley buttered potatoes
Tomato gumbo
Brown gravy

Sunday

Breakfast
Grilled ham
Hash browns
Assorted omelets
Oven fried bacon
French toast puffs
Grits

Brunch

Hamburgers
Oven fried bacon
Grits
Corn chowder
Deep fried onion rings
French toast puffs
Assorted omelets
Corn on the cob

Dinner

Beef stew
Boiled noodles
Club spinach
Chicken rice soup
Fried chicken
Steamed rice
Steamed carrots

Biscuits

Monday

Breakfast
Oven fried bacon
Hash brown potatoes
Pancakes
Grilled ham slices
Oatmeal
Assorted omelets

Lunch

Veal Parmesan
Steamed noodles
Steamed broccoli
Tomato vegetable soup
Spaghetti w/meat sauce
Rice w/parmesan cheese
Simmered corn
Chicken noodle soup
Marinara sauce

Dinner

Chicken fried steak
Brown gravy
Whipped potatoes
Spinach
Turkey gravy
Roast turkey
Steamed rice
Steamed carrots
Chicken noodle soup

Tuesday

Breakfast
Creamed beef w/biscuits
Home fried potatoes
French toast
Grilled sausage links
Farina
Grilled omelets

Lunch

Baked fresh ham
Brown gravy
Rice pilaf
Peas and carrots

Tomato rice soup
Cajun meatloaf
Macaroni and cheese
Sweet potatoes
Mulligatawny soup

Dinner

El rancho stew
Brown gravy
Franconia potatoes
Calico corn
Lemon baked fish
Steamed egg noodles
Steamed peas
Tomato rice soup

Wednesday

Breakfast
Oven fried bacon
Cottage fried potatoes
Corned beef hash
Farina
Assorted omelets
Waffles

Lunch

Fried/baked chicken
Baked macaroni and cheese
Corn on the cob
Jalapeno cornbread
Chili macaroni
Hopping john
Southern style greens
Chicken gumbo soup

Dinner

Pork chop suey
Noodles Jefferson
Parsley potatoes
Herbed green beans
Chilled apple sauce
Ginger pot roast
Cream gravy
Glazed carrots
Beef rice soup
Steamed rice

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Jacksonville Zoo roars with excitement this summer. Call the Zoo's hotline at 757-4462 for details on special events from Family Fun Days to Safari Sleepovers and Summer Camps. The Zoo also is looking for volunteers. New volunteer orientations are held the first Saturday of every month. For information call Bill Allen at 757-4463 ext. 176 or e-mail him at allenbp@jaxzoo.org.

The St. Johns River City Band presents "An American Salute," a free concert featuring the the Brass Band under the direction of conductors Don Zentz and Sam Fricano. The concert is at Metropolitan Park in Jacksonville. For more

information call (904) 355-4700.

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is providing an orientation class on June 5 from 9 a.m. to noon. The class offers the opportunity for you to learn more about the NMCRS and volunteering with the organization. Your time and talents are needed. Call Nancy Stephenson at 542-3515/778-9781 to reserve a spot in the class.

The 2001 BellSouth Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament is July 9-14 at Sisters Creek Park. Organized by Jacksonville marine Charities the tournament is in its 20th year. The event fea-

tures sensational prizes including deluxe fishing boats and even a Ford F150 Supercrew pickup and a Ford Explorer. Twenty-five places are paid for largest and aggregate with cash prizes up to \$20,000. The event features food, music, fireworks and entertainment including the Atlanta Rhythm Section. Information and on-line registration is available at www.kingfishtournament.com or fax registration request to (904) 745-3188.

Grace Episcopal Church in Orange Park will be hosting the fourth annual Children' Music and Arts Camp from July 9-13 for second through seventh graders. The event will be led by Connie Fortunato, a composer, author and internationally recognized expert in development of children's choirs. For

information call 264-9981.

The FirstBlack Nurses Association next local meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. June 12 at the Clay County Public Library, Orange park Branch, 2054 Plainfield Ave. (off Kingsley Ave. behind the Dairy Queen). Call Dorothy Banks 542-7748/7432.

The Jacksonville Shell Club is holding its 35th Annual Shell Show Festival July 14 and 15. The event will take place at Brampton Inn, 1201 N. 1st Street, Jacksonville Beach, Fla. The show will include displays of worldwide seashells and fossils. Shell art and shellcraft will also be available for viewing and purchase. Suggested donation is \$3. Children under 12 free.

VOLUNTEER OPS

Saturday — Publix Celebrity Baggers Event! - Help the Publix grocery store on Atlantic Blvd. June 2 with this celebrity bagger event to benefit the Children's Miracle Network. If you are interested in participating contact Mike Maycott at 249-0822 as soon as possible.

June 2 — WJCT's Live at The Met Concert Series - WJCT would like volunteers to help out with security and ticket taking duties for their concert coming up on June 2 at Metro Park (across from AllTel Stadium in downtown Jacksonville). All volunteers are asked to arrive between 5 and 5:30 p.m. Security volunteers will work until 11 p.m. All volunteers are welcome to stay and enjoy the concert free of charge. If you are interested in signing up, call Bonnie Golden at 358-6383. Be sure to mention that you are calling from the Navy!

First Week of June - Time to build another playground! Piece by Piece.... Board by Board. Help to build a dream! Beaches Park Playground Project for Kids, June 6-10. The City of Jacksonville Beach has donated a portion of an 11-acre park on Osceola Ave. and South Beach Parkway for a new playground. This playground will be constructed of specially selected and treated woods, long lasting sealers and quality hardware, certified for safety. The goal is to start construction on June 6 and complete the park by June 10. All food, drink and tools will be provided. For information contact Sheri Nicholson or Julie Geissman at 234-0038 or on the web at www.beachespark.net.

June 9 — Future Golfers of America Club Health Fair/Picnic - The club is looking for volunteers who are interested in mentoring children without

parents who would like to learn to play golf. All potential mentors are invited to attend the June 9 picnic at the Yulee Sports Complex anytime from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. to learn more about the Club's 'adopt-a-future-golfer' program. For more information or directions to the picnic contact Elsa Cintron at 384-0847.

June 16 & July 14 — The Beaches Fine Arts Series (BFAS) 15th Annual Fundraiser Triathlons - It's that time of year when Street Marshals are wanted to assist with the series of triathlons that take place at Mayport Naval Station and Hanna Park. Marshals assist in traffic control and assure the safety of the competitors. Other duties critical to the success of this event include assistance with set up; registration; water/food distribution; race timing; takedown and more. Minimum age requirement for volunteers is 13 years. For more information contact Karen Prewitt at 221-5911.

June 23 — Greenscape Beautification Project - Join Greenscape in planting trees and shrubs at the new Ronald McDonald House located next door to the Nemours Children's Clinic in San Marco at the intersection of Nira St. and Palm Ave. The planting is scheduled for June 23 beginning at 8 a.m. Lunch will be provided and you will receive a souvenir for your participation in this event. Encourage your friends to participate and bring work gloves, shovels

and clothes that you don't mind getting dirty! Minimum age 14 without an adult; 12 with an adult. To sign up as a volunteer please call the Greenscape office at 398-5757.

July 7-13 — MDA Summer Camp in Live Oak - MDA is looking for several dedicated individuals willing to assist with Summer camp by becoming camp counselors for the week. All volunteers will be working with youngsters afflicted with MD and must submit an application for approval by the MDA several weeks prior to camp. Counselors will be bunking in air conditioned cabins with indoor facilities and all meals will be provided. There are no laundry facilities at Camp Love and you must provide your own bed linens and towels. Counselors will be expected to be available to assist all aspects of the children's camping experiences throughout the week. This includes helping them to walk, eat, dress and bath if necessary - and fun things like grilling hot dogs, singing camp fire songs and swimming. For more information contact Linda Taylor at 739-3964 or 1-888-572-8112.

July 10-15 — The BellSouth Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament - This popular annual event is completely run by volunteers. There are various positions available such as answering phones, set up, selling merchandise, weighing fish, check out of boats, and operation of the kids food

area. Event dates are Tuesday - Sunday, July 10-15. Volunteers are also needed now to work on coordination of the event. Contact: Cappy MacPherson at 443-7573 or Allie Dickens at 745-3223.

Fantastic Fridays! — Do you enjoy going on field trips? The IM Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless needs volunteers to "buddy up" with kids during outings to Hannah Park, skating, bowling, and other fun activities every Friday, June 8 - August 3. Minimum age requirement is 16 years. Contact: Mike Flightat 359-0475 ext. 228.

The Baptist Home for Children — Tutors, clothing sorters, and food/pantry helpers are needed at the Home. Opportunities exist to tutor children on Mondays from 4 to 5 p.m. Volunteers are also needed on Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m. to sort and hang clothes clothing given to the children, and to organize food items donated by Publix and Winn Dixie. This is a great single-day or group opportunity! Minimum age requirement 12 years. Contact Mary Taylor at 721-2711.

SUMMARY OF MISHAPS

From the Naval Safety Center

I read a lot. So much so in fact, that the question plagues me, "is it a boon or a bane?"

There are so many disconnected, orphaned ideas bouncing around inside my head - all in search of attribution - that I seldom know whether the thoughts I'm thinking are my own or those of someone I read last week ... last year ... last century.

Here's a fer' instance: read somewhere the other day (but can't remember where) that the mistake people make studying history is, the tendency to presume its outcome is inevitable; that the exalted state in which mankind luxuriates today is the result of what, in retrospect, appears to have been a steady march along a pre-ordained path strewn with flowers.

Looking backwards, this chap surmised, it's clear to most people, for instance, that Cro-Magnon's conquest of Neanderthal was guaranteed from the git-go and the eventual triumph of good over evil has had a clearly discernable inevitability about it.

When, in reality, that's just not so.

Those decisions whose consequences

resulted in the victories that assured you and I no longer drag our knuckles on the ground, or have "God Save the Queen," as our national anthem, or speak heavily English-accented German, or scratch our heads as we try to decipher keyboards filled with Cyrillic script, were anything but certain at the time. They were a near thing - as are all things in life (save death and taxes.)

Where was I going with this? Oh yeah ... But here's the good news: just as victory is not foretold, neither is defeat an inevitability. Point being, you have a good deal - better yet you have more than a good deal, you have everything (!) To say about the outcome of history; both the world's and your own. And it all comes down to decisions and their consequences.

William Tell's decisions concerning windage and bowstring tension and where to aim his arrow had a lot to do with whether or not little Willie Jr. was going to have an apple for lunch or any more history at all, for example.

Your great, great, grandpappy's decision to hook his hat on a stick and hoist it above the berm at Shiloh before he poked his head up there to draw a bead on them damn Yankees on the other side of the crick, had a couple of consequences. The first of which was a mini-ball through his forage cap rather than through his head. The second of which was you and all those generations in between.

Decisions, decisions, decisions. All of them bursting with consequences.

Such as:

The decision to clean a loaded rifle. Now that could have a consequence in your life - not the least of which could be a hole in you. Sure and a fine hole it will be, too, if the gun you're cleaning happens to have a .308 cartridge in the chamber and you pull the trigger while it's pointed at your foot. The docs aren't very optimistic they can save this guy's toes even after a lengthy surgery.

Excuse me? "was that a Marine?" You ask? Mais oui! You don't think a Sailor would do anything as dumb as that, do you? Silly Wabbit, think again.

The major differences between Sailors and Marines are their targeted body parts and their choice of weapons.

In our second example a bos'n was cleaning a semiautomatic pistol when it went off and shot him in the hand. Could have been worse, I suppose ... And it was. The bullet was a hollow-point. The slug hit the back of his left hand, mushroomed, then tore through his flesh destroying bones, blood vessels, tendons and nerves, before it ripped out from the underside of his forearm leaving a much bigger hole there than where it went in.

"I didn't know the gun was loaded!" They all cry. But that's not exactly what happened, was it? No ... They - and others before them - decided the gun was unloaded. They - and others who are bound to follow them - decided it wasn't worth three seconds of their precious time to check and be sure. They decided - based on nothing - there were no bullets in those guns. They decided. And now they must live with the

surgery and the therapy and the pain and the life-long crippling which result from those decisions. We call these painful realities, consequences.

Another decision with consequences is diving off a pier into the ocean at two o'clock in the morning without first checking on the depth of the water below. As a Marine Pfc discovered, the consequences of that decision are, a broken neck and life-long quadriplegia.

Think about those consequences for a moment. You can never move on your own again. Ever. You just have to lie there staring at the ceiling. Waiting for someone to come and turn you over. Then waiting for someone to come and turn you over. Then waiting.

Every time you get behind the wheel of a car you're faced with hundreds of consequence-laden decisions. First and foremost is the seatbelt question: to buckle or not to buckle? What are the consequences?

Well, for one corporal and his family the only answer is, disastrous. For they chose not to buckle, you see. And, when they were hit by another car and crashed into a tree, all three of them - unrestrained - were thrown from their car onto the highway.

The wife fared best of all. With the back of her head split open, her hand slashed and her rib broken, she is in "good condition." The Marine had a compound fracture of one leg, a broken femur on the other, a smashed pelvis, a broken arm, and a ruptured spleen. But it was their infant son - the one with the least input to the decision process - who took the brunt of the consequences. He suffered multiple injuries to his tiny body. Remains in grave condition with uncontrolled bleeding of the brain while a machine breathes for him.

NAVHOSPJAX NEWS

Naval Hospital Laboratories earn two-year accreditation

Naval Hospital Jacksonville's laboratory and its laboratories at supporting branch clinics were recently awarded a two-year accreditation by the College of American Pathologists (CAP). The hospital's Blood Bank also received accreditation from the American Association of Blood Banks.

Pictured above, Lab Technician HN Jeffrey Bidulph enters a patient's information into the computer after a blood test.

The labs successfully passed the inspection, which included examining

records, quality control, education and qualifications of the staff as well as adequacy of facilities, equipment and safety.

CAP is a medical society serving more than 15,000 physician members, and is considered the leader in providing laboratory quality improvement programs. The CAP accreditation ensures that laboratories meet standards required by two major organizations, the College's Commission on Laboratory Accreditation and final approval by the College's Board of Governors.



Photo by EW3 Jason Bifolck

Comprehensive TRICARE information now available on the web and by phone

The most comprehensive and up-to-date TRICARE information is available on the TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil/ndaa. For those beneficiaries whose questions cannot be answered by the TRICARE Web site, there are new TRICARE toll-free telephone numbers to TRICARE representatives with answers on TRICARE For Life, the TRICARE Senior Pharmacy Program, and TRICARE Prime Remote for active duty and their family members. These new telephone numbers will greatly expand TRICARE's ability to provide accurate information.

One of the best features of the new information technology center is the "warm hand-off." When beneficiaries reach a TRICARE Information Center representative, they are not disconnected until they have their questions answered, or they have been connected to

another person who can help them. There are no telephone recordings or directories to sort through.

The toll-free telephone numbers for these TRICARE programs are:

- Senior Pharmacy Program 1-877-DOD-MEDS (1-877-363-6337)
- TRICARE For Life program 1-888-DOD-LIFE (1-888-363-5433)
- TRICARE Prime Remote for active duty and their family members program 1-888-DOD-CARE (1-888-363-2273).

Accessing the TRICARE Web site, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and using the tools available, such as "Frequently Asked Questions" beneficiaries can get the answers they need when they need them.

Hours of operation for the telephone information center are Monday through Friday 7 a.m. - 11 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.



Photo by JO2 LeaVonda Battle

Marsha Childs, TRICARE customer advocate, gives VP-30's Command Master Chief Tom Welden some TRICARE literature

TRICARE Customer Assistance Office reopens at NEX courtyard

The TRICARE Customer Assistance Program (TCAP) Office reopened in the NAS Jacksonville Navy Exchange courtyard. Office hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Staffed with an experienced Health Benefits Advisor from Naval Hospital Jacksonville, this office provides information and assistance to all uniformed services beneficiaries.

Marsha Childs, the TRICARE Customer Advocate, is affectionately known as "The TRICARE Lady." She can answer your medical benefits questions and assist with TRICARE Prime enrollment and with problems such as

billing errors or claims resolution. She provides pre-deployment, indoctrination and GMT briefings for many of the tenant commands aboard NAS Jacksonville. She also coordinates the annual Naval Hospital Jacksonville Health Fair.

The new storefront office is located in the Navy Exchange courtyard near the Commissary entrance. Ms. Childs says, "Having the office at the Navy Exchange is convenient for our families. They can combine a trip to the exchange or commissary with a stop here to get TRICARE help."

No appointments necessary.

TRICARE e-mail help growing fast and answering questions

E-mail has become one of the most popular ways for TRICARE beneficiaries to get answers to their questions, according to military health care officials.

The TRICARE Help E-Mail Service, commonly known as THEMIS, has grown by leaps and bounds since its inception in April 1999.

The service is growing more than 30 percent per quarter because "we provide fast, accurate and complete answers to TRICARE questions and assist beneficiaries in resolving their TRICARE problems," said Maj. Howard Schellenberg, THEMIS program manager.

Schellenberg emphasized that the

e-mail service is not a substitute for TRICARE Service Centers or other methods of TRICARE customer support.

"Our service is there to supplement the great efforts of everyone who helps the customer," he said. "There should always be many different ways to get TRICARE help, and we work with other services to form an effective support network."

THEMIS works by allowing Sailors and their families with access to a computer to e-mail their TRICARE questions, issues, or concerns to TRICARE_help@amedd.army.mil or QUESTIONS@TMA.OSD.MIL.

JAX SPORTS

Sports officials and scorekeepers wanted

The North Florida Military Officials Association is looking for individuals to officiate soccer, softball, football, and volleyball at NAS Jax. Scorekeepers are also needed for basketball and softball leagues. Experience is not required. If you are interested in officiating or scorekeeping, contact Al Vandercar at 282-0809.

3 On 3 Sand Volleyball League forming

The league is open to all NAS Jax active duty personnel and is a Captain's Cup event. Rosters are due by June 1 and the season is scheduled to begin the week of June 18. Games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunchtime. If you would like to join the league, stop by the gym to get the required paperwork.

Intramural Golf League forming

The Intramural Golf League is open to all NAS Jax active duty personnel and is a Captain's Cup event. Rosters are due by June 1 and the season is scheduled to begin June 13.

The league will play every Wednesday with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Anyone interested in entering a team should stop by the gym to get the required paperwork.

Summer Basketball League forming

The league is open to all NAS Jax active duty personnel. Rosters are due June 1 and the season will start June 11. Anyone interested in joining the league should stop by the gym to get the required paperwork.

Gym signing players for Captain's Cup Singles Racquetball Tournament

The tournament is free and open to all NAS Jax active duty members only. The matches will be held at the NAS Jax Gymnasium and played Monday through Friday at 5, 6, and 7 p.m. Commands earn five Captain's Cup points for each person from their command that participates in the tournament. Commands receive additional points for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place and winners also receive trophies. If you would like to participate, contact the base gym to sign up before the June 8 deadline.

All Navy Softball tryouts June 16-17

Tryouts for the men's and women's All Navy Softball Team will be conducted at the NAS Jax McCaffrey Softball Complex 8-11 a.m. and 5-7 p.m. Tryouts are for active duty personnel only, conducted by Anthony Saldivar. Call 542-2930/3239.

Navy Southeast Regional Running

And Triathlon Team seeks members Are you a competition runner? Would you like to represent the U.S. Navy in 5k, 10k, marathons, and/or triathlons? The U.S. Navy will showcase elite active duty men and women in regional races. Uniforms will be provided as well as transportation, entry fees, and lodging costs.

Interested runners must compete in a sanctioned (USA Track and Field, USA Triathlon Association, or Roadrunners Clubs of America) race and your time must be one of the top ten regional qualifying times. If you have run in a sanctioned race and your time meets the regional qualifying time, contact your base athletic director.

Southeast Regional Qualifying Times

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| 5K | Men 19:00 |
| | Women 24:00 |
| 10K | Men 34:00 |
| | Women 46:00 |
| Marathon | Men 3 Hours 30 Min. |
| | Women 4 Hours |
| Triathlon | Men 2 Hours 30 Min. |
| | Women 3 Hours |
| Triathlon time based on 1.5k swim, 10k run, 40k bike | |

For more information about any of the sports articles, call Bill Bonser, Sports Coordinator or Mike Gorman, Athletic Director at 542-2930/3239 or e-mail us at dbonser@nasjax.navy.mil or dgorman@nasjax.navy.mil. Visit the MWR website at www.nasjax.navy.mil/mwr.

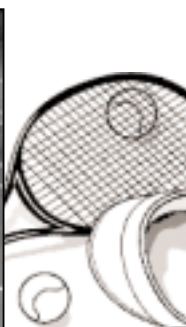
STANDINGS

Greybeard Softball League

| Team | Wins | Losses |
|---------|------|--------|
| VP-45 | 10 | 2 |
| AIMD | 9 | 3 |
| CHSWL | 8 | 5 |
| VP-30 | 5 | 6 |
| NAMTra | 5 | 7 |
| 2BN351 | 1 | 4 |
| CPRW-11 | 1 | 12 |

Intramural Softball League

| Team | Wins | Losses |
|--------------|------|--------|
| NAVAIRES | 14 | 1 |
| AIMD | 19 | 2 |
| VP-30 | 17 | 5 |
| HS-15 | 11 | 5 |
| VP-45 | 15 | 9 |
| Weapons | 13 | 8 |
| VR-58 | 11 | 7 |
| VS-31 | 9 | 8 |
| NCTS | 10 | 10 |
| FASO/CPWR-11 | 9 | 11 |
| CHSWL | 7 | 14 |
| HS-5 | 6 | 14 |
| HS-75 | 6 | 15 |
| VP-30 Stud. | 4 | 17 |
| VS-30 | 4 | 18 |
| NLMOF | 0 | 9 |



Spring Fling Champions — Camp Blanding Marine Reggie Cooper of 2nd BN 351, dominated the courts to finish first in the recent Spring Fling Singles Tennis Tournament at NAS Jax. Cooper is shown above with his trophy and right getting into position for an overhead smash during the finals. Finishing second was Mike Hoff of HRO Jax, shown top left in the finals.

